

March 10, 2010

TO: SUD Treatment and RSS Providers

FROM: BPA

RE: Changes to Transportation Benefit and Authorizations

Pursuant to the ICSA memo distributed March 3, 2010, announcing the end of the transportation benefit, BPA staff will be implementing the following changes:

## **Transportation**

- Effective 3/8/10 all requests for transportation, both new and requests not yet processed will be denied as the benefit has ended.
- All open transportation authorizations will remain valid until their expiration date or March 31, 2010, whichever comes first. No services will be reimbursed for transportation occurring on or after April 1, 2010, regardless of past authorizations letters.

Clients served under the Child Protection Drug Court Grant and clients served under the Easter Seals Goodwill Grant remain eligible for transportation services. Those two grants specifically identify transportation services as part of the program, and failure to reimburse transportation under those grants would jeopardize compliance and future funding.

If you have any questions please contact the Client Service Center at: 1-800-922-3406 or 208-947-4393.